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FOR JOHN MCDONALD

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PROGRAM ASSISTANCE BY PROF.
OSHIMA, TOKYO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

1. PROF. OSHIMA TELEPHONED RON SMITH, ILAB, FEB. 23
SEEKING PROGRAM IDEAS AND SUPPORT FOR GROUP OF JAPANESE
LED BY HIM TO STUDY SAFETY TRAINING FOR OPERATORS IN THE
CHEMICAL INDUSTRY IN THE U.S. HE STATED HE IS A PROFESSOR
AT THE TOKYO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND REFERRED TO A
LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR INTER-
NATIONAL LABOR AFFAIRS WHICH HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED HERE.

2. ACCORDING TO OSHIMA, THE GROUP PLANS A TWO WEEK
VISIT TO THE U.S. BEGINNING MARCH 12 IN NEW YORK AND
INCLUDING ST. LOUIS AND HOUSTON IN ITS ITINERARY. OSHIMA
SAID HE HAD BEEN CORRESPONDING WITH A PROF. R.L. MOTARD,
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON. MOTARD
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WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE US WITH ANY SPECIFIC INFORMATION
ON OSHIMA'S PROJECT. OSHIMA STATED ALSO THAT HE HAS
WRITTEN TO MONSANTO, DOW, EXXON AND CHEVRON BUT DID NOT
GIVE US NAMES AND ADDRESSES.

3. WE ASSUME OSHIMA'S PROJECT TO BE A WORTHWHILE ONE BUT
WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY VIEWS ON THIS AS WELL AS ON

WHETHER DEPARTMENT OF LABOR ASSISTANCE IS DESIRABLE AND
TO WHAT EXTENT.

4. IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE IF THE EMBASSY COULD OBTAIN THE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR US:

A. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT.

B. MAKEUP OF THE GROUP.

C. TRAVEL AND HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS.

D. NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF U.S. ORGANIZATIONS OSHIMA
HAS WRITTEN TO ABOUT THE PROJECT.

E. ANY FIRM PROGRAM COMMITMENTS.
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